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Congratulations to Shauna Billingsley who has been named our new **City Attorney**. Shauna was selected through a broad process that included 40 applicants and an extensive interview process. Shauna presented herself very well during this process and articulated a vision to develop the Law Department in the years to come. Over the past two years, Shauna has served very well during challenging times as our interim City Attorney. Now in the permanent position, I am confident that **Shauna will serve the community with passion and excellence**. Please join me in congratulating Shauna on her appointment.

We have once again **won** the **United Way Government Challenge Award**. The trophy will be in the display case in City Hall. We won the award from 2004-2007. In 2006 we shared the award with Brentwood. They did not have an award challenge in 2008.

Assistant Fire Marshal Geoff Woolard is leaving for the **National Fire Academy** this weekend to begin the Executive Fire Officer Program (EFO). EFO is the highest national certification available for fire officers through the United States Fire Administration. The four-year educational program focuses on topics including executive development, executive leadership, community risk assessment and prevention, and executive analysis of fire service operations in emergency management. Fire Marshal Andy King is in the second year of the program.

More than 20 businesses have signed up for the **Live Green Partnership** with the City and Community. **Leadership Franklin** spoke with the **Cool Springs Chamber** and the **Downtown Franklin Business Association** and will be speaking with the Franklin/Williamson County Chamber next week. The City is looking for charter members to launch the program officially on March 17, St. Patrick's Day.

We had a well attended community meeting in Alderman Burger's Ward One last Tuesday. We covered the McEwen Road project, recycling, integrated water resources plan, the new Web site and more. Many City staff also attended. **Jonathan Marston** did a great job presenting from our **Engineering Department** and **Debbie Baxter** and **Nate Ridley** spoke about recycling and the **Solid Waste Department**. **Mark Hilty** spoke about water and sewer rates and the integrated water resources plan and **Milissa Reiersen** gave the group a tour of the new Web site.

The City recently accepted applications to **fill five vacant police officer positions**. 107 highly qualified applicants took **a comprehensive written exam, a physical agility test and completed their first panel interview this week with police supervisors**. An eligibility list, ranking applicants from high to low, will be certified by Human Resources. Investigators will then conduct extensive background checks on candidates. Top candidates will then interview with police leaders

before being scheduled for medical, psychological, and polygraph testing. Those selected to fill vacancies will receive 40 weeks of training and evaluation before being released for solo patrol.

A resident on Meadowlawn Drive called in this morning to compliment **William Sullivan** and his **Water Crew** for the great work they did on a water line. She said they did great work and they were very helpful and nice. It's not often the good things we do get noticed. So thank you to William and his crew. Have a nice weekend everyone and enjoy the sunshine!

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